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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6997

BILL NUMBER: SB 223

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 23, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Local Government Efficiency Study Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Long

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Local Government Efficiency and Financing Study Commission.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Summary of Net State Impact: The Commission would be given a budget of approximately \$15,000, based on Legislative Resolution 03-02. This amount could vary per interim depending on future Legislative Council resolutions.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Commission will have a total of 19 members and is charged with conducting a study of ways to replace ad valorem property taxes as a local government funding source.

It will consist of eight legislative members, of which four are members of the Senate and four are members of the House of Representatives. The Commission will also have 11 lay members. The Governor will appoint five members: (a) a mayor of a third class city; (b) a business representative; (c) a labor representative; (d) an economic development professional; and (e) a public safety employee of a second class city. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will choose a member from the following categories: (a) county commissioner; (b) second class city council member; and a (c) township trustee. The Speaker of the House of Representatives will choose a member from the following categories: (a) second class city mayor; (b) county council member; and (c) private citizen who is not an elected official.

The Commission would expire December 1, 2004.

The Commission is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. According to Legislative Council Resolution 03-02, the Commission would be given a budget of \$15,000 for having at least 16 members. Funds would come from those appropriated to the Legislative Council from the state General Fund to pay for per diem and travel expenses. Currently, the Legislator per diem is \$134 per member and the lay member per diem is \$75 per member.

The Legislative Services Agency will staff the Commission.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Legislative Council Resolution 03-02.

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